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WOMAN BANDIT ONCE OF TEXAS IS IN TOILS

Chicago Police Say Former
Wichita Falls Girl Has
Made Confession

TALE OF LEADING
HOLD-UPS RELATED

Mrs. Cleopatra Hurtzman
Had Role of Lure, She
Says, for Her Gang

By The Associated Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Cleopatra Hurtzman, 22 years old, who until two months ago had spent her life in robbing cars, leading holdups and helping cut farm near Wichita Falls, Texas, tonight was quoted by the police as confessing that she was the woman bandit who had played the leading part in fifty holdups in forty days, many of them in the daytime, and had been sought in the cities for several weeks.

"A smile of a sort of a pretty face over my chief weapon," she was quoted as saying, "but I also carried a little pistol-handled revolver for emergencies."

Mrs. Hurtzman was married to Kurt Hurtzman two months ago and left the farm to come to Chicago with him. His health failed, he lost his job, became too fond of whiskey and then turned to robbery. Hurtzman, it is decided to become a fugitive. I acted as his agent and I would visit a room in a fashionable residence district. I strolled about the street and when I met a profligate-looking person, I managed to force a tear. I told him I was hot and wanted to find a certain address, the number of the room we had been. When he asked me if there was only a few more doors, I pointed to the smile and generally he would smile to accompany me.

When the number was reached, I often surrounded him 50 feet with me and burst forth the plan. In either case I took him into the room, where Kurt took no master. It was very simple. Sometimes we had up five or six persons in a day, and the other after I spent 25 hours on a farm, it was over.

The Hurtzmanns were trailed by the police several weeks, but always evaded arrest until four detective waited for them at a room they had rented. Hurtzman was held in the jail without trial and Mrs. Hurtzman was in a denouement home.

WIFE OF PERE MARQUETTE
LINE HEAD IS MISSING

By The Associated Press
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Sadie A. Cleveland, wife of John M. Cleveland, head of the Pere Marquette line of steamers here, has disappeared. It was reported today. The last word from him from St. Louis, Cleveland was from Chicago, Jan. 6. Efforts to locate her in the east were being made. It was

NEW YORK THIEVES GET
FURS VALUED AT \$350,000

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Thieves operating in the wholesale fur district during the last two weeks have carted away lots valued at more than \$350,000, merchants said today, evidently with announcement that police were investigating three burghers which occurred Sunday.

**Two Plead Guilty
to War Risk Fraud
In Veteran Cases**

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—William E. Bassham, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., and David M. DeGraw of Brooklyn, N. Y., pleaded guilty today in the District of Columbia supreme court to two indictments in connection with wire robberies, except in which a number of unclaimed war veterans were mislaid of large sums of money to assist their efforts against the government.

The two men, both of whom were members of the service and were charged with having furnished information of claims about to be allowed. As much as 50 per cent of the claims was demanded in some cases, the government contended.

Judge Conrad, presiding, set no date for the next hearing, but the two men will be tried again on Feb. 1. The maximum sentence in the penitentiary is one of 40 years. The men may be sent to the penitentiary for a total of four years, in addition to the time not in actual confinement.

Several other persons outside the nation, the last being his son, have been indicted individually and jointly with Bassham and DeGraw and have made plea of not guilty.

Corpus Christi As Official Leave Area
of American Legion to Be Advertised
In Organ of Division

Corpus Christi, official leave area of the American Legion department of Texas, will now be advertised in The Texas Legionnaire, official organ of the Texas division of the Legion. Decision to this effect was reached by a special committee composed of Major Wad and R. D. Colby who were appointed by the board of directors of the Commercial Association at the meeting of the department last evening. The directors, by a vote of 10 to 4, decided that the new organ of the department should exceed a companion piece of the magazine for the Corpus Christi Legion, which was suggested by Major Wad and George Westcott of the local post. Sergeant Camp was chosen by Major Wad, district comptroller of the shipping board at Boston, as a means of checking irregularities. He informed

Woman vs. Woman



LARGER HOUSE SCHEME FACES DISSOLUTION

Reapportionment Making Total Membership 483 Has Few Friends

WINNING PROGRAM ADDS ONE TEXAN

South Neither Wins Nor Is Loser Under Prospective Rearrangement

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Lines were sharply drawn tonight for a fight tomorrow to defeat the reapportionment bill, which would increase the membership of the house of representatives by one.

After final check-up leaders announced that the measure as reported would be voted down decisively and that a substitute plan, holding seats to the present total, would be adopted by a large majority.

There seemed little sentiment for a larger house. Members from states which would gain representation under the existing two-year program of election to eight states declared that would vote against adding 48 representatives at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000 a year when there is a crying demand from all quarters for governmental economy.

An impulse set today, the program under which the bill will be called up tomorrow provides five hours of debate. With the exception of some election to such territory, it was agreed to permit members to express their views at length and then, by a roll call vote, let the country know that the house is big enough as it stands.

The republican steering committee was reported solidly against the increases, not as a committee but by individual republicans. It was even agreed to expand to insure the lower number as a body as the shifting of seats would lower their present number intact.

Under provisions of the bill house leaders expect to be adopted the increases will be as follows:

California 3; Michigan 2; Ohio 2; Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Washington one each. To make up the lower number as a body, the shifting of seats and the decreases of the 20th, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Vermont.

In that arrangement the south would gain in North Carolina, Texas, and Louisiana and Mississippi.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE MAY CHANGE ELECTION DAY

By The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 17.—The Senate of the Arkansas legislature today passed a bill which would provide for changing the date of the election from the first Monday in November to the second Monday in November, the stated purpose being to prevent the election of major candidates.

Twenty-One of Principal Cities Show Increases and Ten Decreases

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 17.—Living costs last December as compared with those in December, 1918, showed an increase in 31 of the principal cities and a decrease in ten, according to the monthly review index of the department of commerce. The greatest increase noted was in Chicago, 3.6 per cent, and the largest decrease was in Los Angeles, 6.2 per cent.

The percentage of increase in the principal cities was as follows: Detroit 5.1 per cent; Cleveland 4.8; Memphis 3.9; Boston 3.7; Indianapolis 3.5; Minneapolis 2.3; Pittsburgh 2.2; Philadelphia 2.1; New Orleans 2.1; Birmingham 1.8; Houston 1.7; Norfolk 1.6; Richmond 1.5; Kansas City 0.9; St. Louis 0.9; Portland, Wash. 0.8; Indianapolis 0.7; Denver 0.4; Atlanta 0.3; St. Paul 0.2; and Cincinnati 0.1 per cent.

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By The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 17.—Within a few hours after miners had been fired from Winters' oil fields, all of whom were members of the oil workers' union, the miners joined the oil workers' strike, which began at 12 m. this morning. The miners' strike was connected with the railroad but that fact surprised the legislature, following the disclosure of rumors that they were asked to postpone their strike until after the election.

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